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## Essay Final Draft Rubric and Guidelines

**Directions:** Please read through the guidelines for the final draft for your Kids' Book or Effective Parenting Essay. The guidelines reflect the strategies we have discussed to make a strong essay, as well as the expectations for responding to the original prompt. For your final draft, you should:

- Write an **introduction** to your essay that gets the reader interested in the essay and gives them a glimpse of what the essay will be about by answering and explaining the questions from the outline.
- Write **two body paragraphs**; each one should go in-depth on one of the major ideas of the essay (i.e. one focuses on Mama and the other on Atticus, or one focuses on *The Sneetches* and the other on *Freedom Summer*). Those paragraphs should include:
  - Two pieces of **evidence** (i.e. *specific quotes* from the texts)
  - **Tell-me-more sentences** to explain how the evidence connects to the main idea of the paragraph and your argument
  - **Conclusion sentences** to wrap up the idea of each paragraph
- A **conclusion paragraph** that identifies your preference between the books/parents and/or wraps up your ideas from the essay
- You **answer the question** from the prompt accurately and fully
- Your ideas **are organized clearly** and are easy to understand
- You **use correct grammar, mechanics, and spelling** (including using quotes correctly)
- Engaging title (i.e. not "Parenting Essay" or "Sneetches vs. Freedom Summer")
- **Type the draft:** size 12 font; Times New Roman, Calibri, Cambria, Arial Fonts; **double-spaced**; heading with name/date/class.

## RUBRIC FOR FINAL DRAFT

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement	Needs a lot of improvement or is missing
You wrote a proper and engaging introduction	4	3.5	3	2 (or lower)
You begin each body paragraph with a clear topic sentence that relates to your overall argument and indicates the main idea of the paragraph to the reader.	4	3.5	3	2 (or lower)
You included two pieces of specific, relevant evidence (i.e. quotes from the texts) in each body paragraph (four quotes total) to back up your arguments	8	7	6	5 (or lower)
You explained each piece of evidence clearly and thoroughly using tell-me-more sentences; those sentences help prove how your evidence backs your arguments	8	7	6	5 (or lower)
You wrapped up the main idea in each body paragraph with a conclusion sentence	2	1.5	1	0
Your conclusion answers the question of which parent or book is more effective, based on the prompt and/or wraps up the ideas discussed in the essay	4	3	2.5	2 (or lower)
You organized the essay in a logical way, using the structures we have discussed in class to create a clear, coherent draft	6	5	4	3 (or lower)
You answered all parts of the prompt thoroughly and completely	6	5	4	3 (or lower)
You completed the essay with few, if any, grammar, spelling, or mechanical mistakes -- including the use of the first or second person in your writing.	6	5	4.5	3 (or lower)
You included an interesting title	2	1.5	1	0

**Points lost for lateness, incorrect formatting, or other reasons?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra credit for printing it off on time?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_/50 points